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## **HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1033**

Offered February 18, 2019

Commending the Prince William County Human Rights Commission.

Patrons—Roem, Ayala, Bell, John J. and Hugo; Senators: Barker, McPike and Surovell

WHEREAS, the Prince William County Human Rights Commission celebrated the 25th anniversary of its founding on January 15, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Prince William County Human Rights Commission was established by the Prince William County Board of Supervisors in 1993 for the purpose of enforcing Prince William County's newly enacted human rights ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Prince William County Human Rights Commission works to establish equal opportunities for all persons within Prince William County through advocacy and education, and strives to eliminate discrimination through civil and human rights law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, the Prince William County Human Rights Commission's many programs include the Student Leadership Council, created to help public, private, and home-schooled high school students learn about government through the lens of human rights, and the Long-Term Care Ombudsman, which advocates for people receiving long-term care services in nursing homes and assisted living facilities in the county; and

WHEREAS, the Prince William County Human Rights Commission works with the community to receive and respond to complaints regarding human rights violations, build relationships and raise awareness of human rights issues, and recognize members of the Prince William County community who have distinguished themselves in the area of human rights; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Prince William County Human Rights Commission on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of its founding; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Raul Torres, Esq., executive director of the Prince William County Human Rights Commission, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the Commission's work in protecting and advocating for human rights in Prince William County.